American Group Tours Rome

by Jan Walbrun

"I feel that the artistic beauty of the city should be seen and appreciated by everyone," I was pleasantly surprised with the planning and organization of the activities. "It was the greatest four days I've spent in quite some time."

These are just a few of the comments of the 148 members of the Berlin American Community who recently returned from an impressive and relaxing four-day tour of Rome. Comprised of mostly service men and their families stationed in the Divided City, the group departed Berlin's Tempelhof Airport Monday, Oct. 25, arriving in Rome around noon. After their initial Italian meal and coffee, Italian "vino" (wine), the group set off on their first of many tours through the city of Rome.

St. Peter's Basilica Monday's tour took the Berlin Americans to the enormous and breathtaking Basilica of St. Peter. Immediately upon entering the church, the party was overwhelmed by the harmonious vastness and beauty of the basilica.

The present basilica replaced an earlier one built by Constantine the Great between 334 and 378. Today's basilica was consecrated by the Pontiff Urban VIII on Nov. 18, 1626. It covers a surface of more than 15,000 square meters, is 121.50 meters long and 143.50 meters high.

Also included was a tour through the church's grottoes and treasury, visiting the tombs of Pope Pius XII and Pope John XXIII.

A VIEW FROM THE TOP - High above the city of Rome atop St. Peter's Basilica, Mike Sandoval (left) and Rick Brown of Co. G, US, gaze at The Eternal City with The Vatican below them.

(for you, only 2.00 lire) - So it may seem in the photo below, he's actually the USO tour guide briefing the Berlin Americans inside the historic Coliseum, the most famous ruin of Roman antiquity.

(Photos by Jan Walbrun)

Earn Money for Christmas, Make a Suggestion Soon

by Eric Lambert

Last fiscal year's USAEUR suggestion promotion campaign was held in January and February 1972. Our suggestions' efforts ensured that Berlin Command's achievements were among the best in USAEUR. This fiscal year the campaign runs from November 15 through December 30, 1972. The early start will enable many suggestors to get extra cash when it is most needed.

Suggestions for Suggestions

The Commander in Chief has given us all the time to provide feedback to the USAEUR mission.

- Distribution of military and civilian manpower resources better to accomplish the USAEUR mission.
- Improvement of troop dining facilities, barracks, service clubs, and libraries.
- Advancement of the USAEUR military and civilian Equal Opportunity/Human Relations programs.
- Promotion of better accountability and care of supplies and equipment (including data processing equipment).
- Pursuing of effective relations with host nation governments and populations.
- Improvement of the condition of quarters and the services of housing referral offices.
- Improvement of unit personnel procedures and morale report administration.
- Promotion of new concepts for military training and readiness exercises.
- Positioning of better troop morale.

Other ideas which will help management cut costs, improve operations, or increase morale are, of course, welcome.

A Beneficial Program

More and more military personnel are realizing what a good thing our suggestion program is — both for the Army and themselves. Military participation is constantly increasing. This is reflected if we compare the statistics for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1972 with those for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1971. In this 12 month period, the rate of military submissions doubled, there were four times the number of suggestions, and more than twice the amount of dollar savings! The total cash paid in awards to military personnel exceeded that paid to all our civilians! This is excellent news, but we can do much better. After all, this is the one program which has no losers — but many happy winners!

The intelligent soldier is not slow in realizing this simple truth. Some suggestors set themselves a regular monthly quota of suggestions, and they get a high percentage of adoption also on a regular basis. They tell us that ideas come easier when they make a habit of looking for them. This is the type of suggestor who eventually hits the jackpot. Why not try the method yourself?

We all wish to keep our program in the lead, so get your suggestions rolling in to the Incentive Awards Office without delay. The telephone number is 462. Help the committee to help you have a merry Christmas and prosperous New Year!
**Ode to a Short-Timer**

by Dan Eggleston

It was the night before D-day
And all through the courier
The short-timers were celebrating
Which was easy to discern.

The beer cans were flung
All over the floor
And rattled and banged
When someone opened the door.

The duffle bags were packed
Stuffed to the brim
But it all seems so
There was no time to get in.

Beer mugs from Munich
A pipe from Amsterdam
Just the good memories
From working with Uncle Sam.

The troops were watching
With eyes large and round
It seemed it would be forever
Before their port call came down.

Night withdrawing in the rain
And trips to the nose
They laughed at them now
Cause now they're going home.

It hadn't been all bad
They had made amends
Most were sad at the thought
Of leaving their friends.

With promises to write
They made their good-bys
Becoming ever more anxious
To fly those friendly skies.

They were short of time
The city southeast must defend
They had more important thoughts
Like becoming civilians again.

They say as they board the plane
Taking them to that New York airport
"It's so damn great
To be short, short, SHORT!"

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Allied Spirit Prevails

CSC 3/6 Hosts French at McNair

by D. T. Dansby

"Bon martín, je parle anglais"—it may be Greek to you, but it is typical of what you might have heard at McNair Barracks Tuesday, Oct. 31.

A selected group of French soldiers from the 2e Régiment, 4e Régiment de Chasseurs (2e Squadron, 11 Régiment de Hussards) toured McNair Compound and the company areas of pistols repair Company, 3rd Battalion, 6th Infantry (CSC). Escorting from Nancy Barracks by CSC's Scout Platoon, the French soldiers arrived at McNair and were given a detailed lecture and demonstration on the use and characteristics of weapons in the Battalion Scout Platoon. Following the weapon's demonstration, American winter garb, field equipment and some selected items necessary for the infantry to operate properly were displayed.

With seeing the tools of the trade, the French Allies were guided through the living quarters of CSC. The French expressed surprise at the barrack rooms' furnishings decorating the enlisted men's quarters.

The French toured the gamesroom and day room of CSC where they viewed the concession machines, game tables, and the music system.

Lunch was served in the mess hall where the French had a chance to sample some genuine Army cheer. After lunch, the French soldiers and their guides toured the rest of the Army facilities at McNair. Of particular interest to the Allied visitors were the gymnasium, the Rod and Gun Club, the Snack Bar, the Star Ward, and the Officers' Club.

Following the McNair tour, the French and their American guides were ready for a few hours of relaxation. Several hours were spent in the Officers' Club, where the French and American soldiers exchanged stories and routines of their French counterpart.

On Friday, Nov. 3, the Scout Platoon of CSC will pay a visit to McNair Camp to return the favor. The French soldier will view the surroundings of his unit and may establish a routine of his French counterpart.

DURING THIS NEXT PERIOD OF INSTRUCTION YOU WILL... and the French visitors of CSC 3/6 Scouts did learn about some of the basic winter operations worn by American GIs, as well as the proper wear of the pile cap.

~by D. T. Dansby

Top Volkfest

Stands Awarded

The dust has finally cleared on the ground of the 1972 German-American Volkfest. Recently the last concession stands have been dismantled.

Coming in first place was the U.S. Army Hospital, Berlin for its best mustard. Second place went to Colonel G. E. Plathoff, USAH, who accepted a check for $100 for the prize from the Public Affairs Officer, Lieutenant Colonel W. G. Bard.

The third place went to the 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry, sent in second place for对其乐意的褐色的系列表现, the award of $50 was accepted by Colonel F. W. B. Southon, its commanding officer.

The award of $30 was accepted by Checker's Restaurant, commander Major S. Southon.

American Visitors

Visit Rome...

(Continued from page 1)

The smiling faces of the Italian lady and her new American friend were evident during the entire trip. Norm Ham of Headquarters, 4/9, offered a taste of Americanism as he accompanied a quaint, three-piece band with his talents on the drums, after an evening meal in one of the many hospitable Roman restaurants.

Audience With the Pope

Probably the most significant part of the trip that the group participated in was their audience with Pope Paul VI, head of the Roman Catholic Church. Dressed in the traditional papal white, the Pope addressed each of the attending groups.

The entire planning and organization of the adventure was expertly done by the Berlin American Community Chapel. General assistance and tours were coordinated through the USO in Rome.

Souvenirs

American shoppers had a field day shopping through the city center. Among the various souvenirs purchased, statues and paintings sold the most. In fact, one member of the American group purchased eight statues, a duffel bag, three books, five sets of rosary beads, one medal, a scarf, and an ash tray.

Departure

The West Berlin party departed the famous Italian city in the evening of the 28th and arrived in Berlin around 10 p.m. Many favorable comments were made of the trip which went flawlessly. For all, it was an educational and personally rewarding experience that many who partook in the activities "Viva la Roma."

Advanced Pay Fact

Why advanced pay? An advance pay is authorized upon permanent change of station, valid for providing you funds for expenses such as transportation, temporary storage of household goods, packing and unpacking, and securing new living quarters.

How much is authorized? An amount not to exceed three months' basic pay, less deductions for withholding and FICA taxes, and MMMC debts for collection, SGLI, and total income taxes.

How it is paid? It will be collected from your regular payroll installations over the next six months or sooner if you desire. If you wish to receive your advance pay at an office near you.

Delegation? An advance pay may cause undue financial hardship on your monetary position during this installment period if not used wisely, i.e. the amount of your three months' pay will result in you receiving only 1/5 your basic pay for the next six months.

How can you get an advance pay? It should only be requested when absolutely necessary and only for the above-mentioned reasons.

AND THE VISITATION CONTINUED as the French soldiers were given some "hands on" training with the 1/4 ton vehicle. (Photo by D. T. Dansby)

News Notes

Free Light Check

A Military Police Inspection Team will be available in the lighting on all USAERE plated vehicles and vehicles owned by German employees of the U. S. Government.

The inspection team will check the headlights, brake lights, turn signals, license plate lights, back-up lights, and parking lights for proper operation. Vehicles passing the inspection will be issued a windshield sticker from the German Safety Council which will disprove any claim that the vehicle is in violation of traffic law in case of an accident.

The team will visit the E&I Compound Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. McNair Compound Nov. 7 from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., Andrew's Compound Nov. 8 from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. and the Hospital Compound Nov. 8 from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Other facilities offering services, E&I, Leonhardt, E&I Garage and the Maintenance Inspection Point on Andrew's Compound.

VON INSPECTIONS

Effective immediately, the operating hours for the Privately Owned Vehicle Inspection Station will be 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The Inspection point will be closed on all U.S. and German holidays.

Top Soldier

Private First Class Louis C. Hutton of Headquarters Company, Special Troops, was selected as the Top Soldier of the Brigade Soldier of the month for the months of October. He will receive an award of $25 Savings Bond, and 7 days administrative leave. He also received commendation from Brigadier General Raymond E. O'Kane, commanding general, Berlin Brigade.

Hutton, a native of Broadway, Va., is a clerk typist and is working as a personnel specialist for Special Troops. Before entering the Army on Jan. 5, 1972, Hutton was the editor of the Buena Vista News in Buena Vista, Va. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, class of 1971, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History.

The runner-up for soldier of the month is Private First Class Michael L. Adamczyk, Adamczyk, a native of Warsaw, Wis., is a company clerk for Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry, before entering the Army on Feb. 2, 1972. Adamczyk was a student at Spooner High School in Wisconsin, Wisconsin. He will receive a $25 Savings Bond and a letter of commendation from Big Ray- mond O. Miller.

Fog, Ice or Snow

November is the month when Autumn begins. As the month progresses, the days become increasingly colder, far more than one month when both the automobile and driver must face the increasingly inclement weather conditions.

For the average temperature for November is 46°F, which is below the average for October, Ten days of below freezing weather are expected to occur. The daily temperatures will range from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to 35°F to 45°F for the high. The record low for the month is 69°F, and the record high is 78°F.

Cloudy skies will prevail 75% of the time. Precipitation from the light, will occur on 14 days, giving a total of 1.8 inches. The year's snowfall can be expected during the latter part of the month.

Low ceilings and poor visibilities will reduce visibility meteorological conditions (VMB) from 35% in October, to 40%. Instrument flying conditions (IFC) will average 45%, while below-zero weather will occur 4% of the time.

Tape It at CCA

Base Library Sound Studio has received five new tape decks and two tape recorders, models that had been in use in the library since January, 1971. Specifications for the new equipment—two TEAC A-1260 and three TEAC A-1250 tape recorders—are generally the same as the tape recorders for the previous models, a factor which, besides allowing for the interchanging of magnetic tapes, also permits a pause control and bias current control, which would enable operators to produce tapes of greatly improved quality. Together with facilities for recording from tape-to-tape, to cassette, from cassette to tape, the library now has a non-circulating collection of 500 pre-recorded popular music records (mostly popular music), and 385 records of popular music, classical, drama, language, and children's records. The library in general, is well received; frequently, the latest listing may be picked up at the library.

Reservations for the sound studio may be made by calling the Base Library at 616-3912. Reservations are made for 3-hour sessions during the week, with maximum rental of two days per week, weekdays only. Appointments should be made three or four days in advance for weekday taping or listening, and one to two weeks in advance for weekends.

Coady Drivers On

The Berlin Brigade's Driver of the Quarter is Spec 4 Paul G. Coady of Special Troops.

Specialist Coady, who is attached to Headquarters Company, Special Troops, is the driver for the Special Troops Battalion Commander.

Coady competed with five other drivers representing all units in Berlin. The selection was based on driver's attitude, service record, and an actual road trip with a jeep, and an inspection of each individual's vehicle.

For this achievement, the Brigade commander will present Coady with a check for $25 and a plaque.

In addition, Special Troops will give Coady an engraved trophy and a $25 Savings Bond.
Flag Football is Different

by Russ Richall

Flag football is more than just a game between two-nine-man teams attempting to duplicate what they see on television. The running game is different for the simple reason that you cannot place two people but must be quicker, more agile and nimble than your opponent. The passing game requires a man who can set up quickly and scramble from the rush as well as throw the ball. But most important is the team’s ability to adjust to the completely different strategy.

The field is only 40 yards long and is divided with yard lines at each 20 and 40 yard line. The down does not come every ten yards but only upon crossing the line of scrimmage. Thus if you have first down on your own 19 yard line you need four first downs for another first down but if you begin at the 21 you must make 19 yards for a 40 for a first down. The 15 yard drives we see the pros pull off come infrequently on the flag football field.

Three downs to run up 19 yards when it is near impossible to go between the tackles for yardage is not an easy task. The defense knows you must either go outside or pass, and they are ready. Most of the opponents comes unexpectedly or as the result of a penalty.

Don’t let the ball carrier’s aversion to contact fool you. The man with the ball and pass receivers are the only people on the field who are not hedging heads. In the line there’s plenty of rough stuff and injuries have been frequent this year. No member, there is no padding.

Don’t let the “offense” get the players and their children, fellow workers from the company, other ball players checking on their opponents. The ball players are just in the area and decide to play. They appreciate the fine plays and are critical of mistakes. While the ball players work hard to make sure of the future, Nine-man flag football is not something you see every day. It’s different.

Bears Bomb Police; Forty-One in Net

by LTl Mike Dunn

41-16 — One of the area flag football games again! This was the score of the recent Berin Bears Team Handball Team in a game versus the German Police from Lankwitz.

Sporiting a blistering fastbreak, tenacious defense, and just enough controlled offense to make things interesting the Bears completely overwhelmed their close German neighbors. Thirteen Bears dressed for the game, thirteen Bears played, and what’s more thirteen Bears scored — a most unusual happening. Led specifically by no one, the Bears substituted and changed lineup as well, keeping seven fresh players on the floor at all times. Without stopping for any break the starting unit of Ted Purdum, Dale Pickle, John Land, Tom Young, Bruce LaRose, and Bill Cherry jumped out 15-2 in the first quarter and saw the lead increased with substitutions of Jim Stapleton, Willie Bros, Randy Bennett and Donnie Wilson.

Using an amazing fastbreak and benefitting from the quick outlet passes of star goalie Bruce Sculthorpe, the Bears made no more than 3 errors for the entire game. Despite the shots, and the delight of spectators, the Bears played a fast, flashy game to completely dominate the action.

Adding to the fun, USCBO veteran Dale Pickle, more famous for being a Star’s area team handball fans for his “Pickle Slams,” added a new dimension to the game, by taking his goal during the last period, also holding Lankwitz to only four goals.

When asked to comment on the game, the winning team’s, veteran Police player Ted Purdum (one of the original 13) couldn’t only reply, “We would appear to be ready for any one to try us, but we worked together to make this happen, and we have that pride now. What’s next?”

Sorry for the next Bear’s opponent it would appear they have come of age.

CSC Rolls 35-0 to Remain in First Tie

Combat Support Company 3/6 rolled over B-3/6, 35-0 in football action at McNair this week. The first touchdown came midway in the first quarter with a yard pass from Harry Stidham to Ralph Ortego. The two combined again for the extra point giving CSC a 6-0 lead.

Late in the second quarter Joe Linnoclet intercepted and ran 40 yards for a score. Hals took a hand off from Stidham and blasted his way through for the extra point. At half, CSC led 32-0.

The second half began with CSC looking for the goal line. A 10 yard bomb from Stidham to John Facone set up the third down. From 3 yards out, Rick Owens swept around left end and pushed any dirt smoothed. A Stidham to Hals pass was good for the extra point.

Late in the third quarter, Larry

by Russ Richall

Carrying an injured player off the field is a frequent occurrence. (Photo by Joe Boldus)

The weather challenges the seating facilities for comfort as the season comes prepared. (Photo by Russ Richall)

Forces Win 6-1 as Season Nears End

by Ray Stahl

Scoring goals in each half, the U. S. forces soccer team coasted to a 6-1 victory over Schwartzwaldhof in a match played last Saturday at the Tempelhof Sports Field.

Alan De Alveguero opened the scoring for the American team just three minutes after the start of the contest with a quick shot from sight yardage and then tallied another some ten minutes later to move the count to 2-0 in favor of the U. S. side after the first fifteen minutes of play.

Right winger Howard Wolf blast ed in the Forcer third goal from fifteen yard out at the thirty-five minute mark to put the score at 3-0 for the Yanks at the halftime whistle.

John Wilson hit the back of the net with a goal at fifty three minutes into the contest. Wilson’s goal came on a strong pass from left winger Sherman Borsky, who moved the Forces fifth tally at the seventy minute mark, with a quick shot from close to the goal.

Schwartzwaldhof got into the scoring column minutes later to make the score 4-1 at the final whistle. John Wilson kicked home a penalty shot just before the end of the match to make the final 4-1. Capitol has not taken a penalty kick all season long.

In a friendly match played last Sunday, an Air Force team composed predominantly of players from 8922th Security Squadron defeated a team from 116 in a fast-moving match 6-3.

The final league encounter of the season for the U. S. forces will be this Saturday against Klockner at 4:30 and the Forces need a win to finish in the upper third of the league standings.

by LTl Mike Dunn

The Berlin American Aquatics Club had an intrasquad swim meet on October 18 at the Andrews Swimming Pool. The BAAC Team was divided into two squads, the Reds and the Blues with the latter team coming out on top.

The event, viewed by nearly 30 parents and other spectators gave the kids a chance to show their wares — and most of them did. Two young swimmers, Miss Donna Plaat and Mr. Steve Green, turned out to be the stellar performers. The event was successfully topped off when the kids managed to "duck" both coaches — Mark Spits they were not!

Shawn above a participating youngest breaststroke his way to the finish line. (Photo by SPG Satterthwaite)
None Dare Call It... 'The Goldstar Conspiracy'

by Dan Engleman

If you read the reviews last week, you might think that the movie 'Goldstar Conspiracy' was a big hit. But that's not the case. The movie was panned by critics and did not make much of a splash. Still, the Goldstar's audience was huge, and they loved it.

The Goldstar's biggest attraction was the cast of characters. The movie featured a mix of talented actors, from seasoned veterans to up-and-coming stars. The dialogue was sharp and the acting was top-notch.

Despite the mixed reviews, the Goldstar's success was a testament to the power of word-of-mouth marketing. Many people saw the movie and were so impressed that they spread the word, ensuring that the Goldstar remained packed for weeks.

In the end, 'The Goldstar Conspiracy' was a box office success, proving that sometimes what critics say about a movie can be completely wrong. The Goldstar's fans were right all along.
Santana Concert Flashback

Let me set three scenes for you, any one of which you may or all of which you can relate to. You are driving a convertible, the top is down and the sun is beating down on your head, the car is equipped with an eight track stereo tape player and you are listening to the sounds of a group called Santana while you zoom along the freeway.

The second scene takes you to the Berkshire Mountains in western Massachusetts; the date, July 1970, the place, an open air theater; the group, on stage, Santana, The keyboard player in the group said it—"it seems to me they played it all that night.

Some three is Woodstock, thousands of freaks gathered to the east of Hunter, New York to the world that they could live together in peace and harmony. The innocence and joy of the music is a million miles from our path. One other bummer, A group that stands out in my memory of Woodstock and the one who saw the movie, is Santana.

Santana at Deutschtlandhalle

Now if I might change scenes for a minute, you are in San Francisco, in the center of the scene of concert and other rock concerts, but tonight is special for it is Nov. 9, 1970, The Fillmore, San Francisco. If you have been to The Fillmore, you will know that it is the closest thing to the Stones and Santana and his music. To my way of thinking and that of a lot of other so-called experts in the rock music field, Santana is great.

The concert here in Berlin is set for the Deutschtlandhalle, Thursday, Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale for DM 12 at the PX ticket agency at the main PX on Unter den Linden. If you go to the last minute ticket agency for this deal and pick up my tickets. It looks as though a good crowd will be here for the Deutschtlandhalle.

Tickets for Future Concerts

People have also been asking me about tickets for the Alice Cooper and Ike and Tina Turner shows. The Alice Cooper tickets are DM 12 each easy to get at the PX ticket agency the show is set for Friday, Nov. 24 at 8 p.m. Ike and Tina tickets are on sale on Monday, Nov. 13 at the last minute ticket agency. Keep in mind that there will be seats on the floor of the hall and you would have to pay a little more than DM 12 each. There is a deal to be had at the PX ticket agency when the tickets first go on sale and get a decent seat. The show will be Friday, Nov. 17.

With payday here once again you might want to know about other shows, respectively at the PX and the Commerzbank. The best of the newbies at the PX will be the band "Phantasmagoria" by Curved Air. On the contrary, my pick for the month of November is Country Joe McDonald's "Guitar Town." Of course, others of note are a new WHO album, "Black Sabbath. Bo Scroag chosen. Blood Sweats and Tears, Grand Funk, John Mayall, Yes and Savoy Brown.

That's about all from here for now, don't forget about the Santana Concert at Andrews Barracks on Sunday Nov. 9. Buy your tickets at the Deutschtlandhalle and if you still have a bit left from pay day, come to the Fillmore and if you still have bread left from pay day, come to the Fillmore, San Francisco, Nov. 9. If you can't make it here in Berlin, maybe you can make it to San Francisco, Nov. 9.

Until next week, Peace and Power to the People.